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Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to defeat schizophrenia from James Stacey now in his 22nd year of freedom from the bondage - thanks to Jesus Christ

“YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES ON YOU” SAID JESUS CHRIST

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS JOHN CHAPTER 16: Key Verses 5-16: (Jesus said): “Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you. In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”



There's something absolutely awesome about knowing the One and Only True and Living God who has come to live in your heart through the Presence of the Holy Spirit.

Do you know the hymn? - “He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today. He walks with me and He talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, He lives, salvation to impart. You ask me how I know He lives, HE LIVES WITHIN MY HEART.”

How true!! When you have by an act of repentance and living, conscious faith received the Lord Jesus Christ into your heart, you have found the secret of life well worth knowing. Knowing Jesus enables you to be in a position to win through and defeat schizophrenia.

We are approaching the season of Pentecost, the time when the Church celebrates the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. In the same way that the promised presence of God descended over 2,000 years ago in Jerusalem, He is still being poured out today into the lives of those who profess the Name of Jesus. How vital for every Christian with schizophrenia to know the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives so as to be able to drive out the evil force.

If you are struggling with schizophrenia, the presence of the Holy Spirit coming to your aid will help you make sense of all that you are facing and battling with. If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Saviour, the Holy Spirit dwells within you.

You may not necessarily feel His presence because of the effects of medication you take, but that does not mean He is absent. As Billy Graham puts it: “It is the fact of His presence that we need to understand. God has promised that the Spirit lives within you if you belong to Christ, and God cannot lie. *We accept this fact by faith.*”

I don't know how I would have coped with enduring 26 years of bondage had it not been for the faithfulness of God in keeping me through the ministry of the Holy Spirit into my life.

Without the Holy Spirit's presence in your life, there's no lifeline of hope to hang on to, no inner strength to fight with, no sanity of mind when evil spirits contest for your life and no awareness of what to pray for in the heat of the battle.

But the real understanding you need is that "the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth indwelling your life and He will guide you into all truth." How did I know, and how do you know, that the evil spirit of schizophrenia contending for your mind is totally opposed to the life of God in you? It is only through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit guiding you into the truth.

When you have evil thoughts invading your mind suggesting you take some destructive pathway, how should you react? The indwelling of the life of the Holy Spirit in you will rise up and cause you to oppose every temptation with the truth you are possessing.

The life of God is totally opposed in all-out warfare against the spirits of darkness coming from Satan and his kingdom. The battlefield is the mind and the pressure unrelenting. It's an all-out battle to survive and keep your sanity, as you yourself know. That's why you need to resist in the power of God and rely on God at every turn.

Satan is the father of all lies and makes inroads into the mind of a schizophrenic through unleashing demonic voices. These voices need to be evicted by the stronger voice of the Holy Spirit. When you defeat the voices the demons go. Use the power of the Word of God in your heart and life as a powerful weapon - it has strength to win the battle.

A constant strategy I employed as I relied on the Holy Spirit and the written Word of God was to fill both my mind and heart with Scriptures – particularly the words of Jesus – which were spirit and life. The concentration needed was constant. On work days, I knew I had to get out of bed to meet God two hours before leaving to catch the bus at 7 a.m., in order to be spiritually armed to stand fast for the whole of the day in the might and power of Jesus.

The Holy Spirit in your life will prevent you from descending into a state of passivity. And the Word of God will co-operate with you in this important strategy. I knew that if I let the presence of the Word of God leave my mind, it would be open to receive anything the powers of darkness wanted to sow there. So, it was a case of "putting faith into my mind and heart" through the calling to mind of Scriptures from memory.

There is no doubt whatsoever that the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in your life can cause such an amazing breakthrough and revolution leading to glorious long-awaited spiritual freedom. The Holy Spirit in you is the same power that raised up Jesus from the dead (Romans 8: 11).

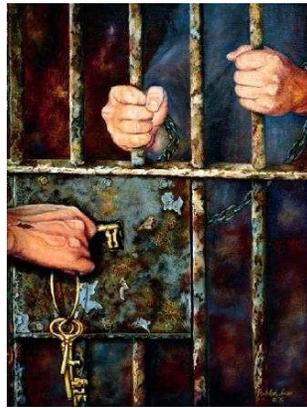
Through possessing faith in Christ and receiving the unlimited supply of the grace of his Holy Spirit you can defeat schizophrenia. Lean hard on God. Don't give up. Fight manually onward. Look ever to Jesus and He will carry you through and out of the bondage for good.

A PRAYER OF HOPE: "Dear Loving Heavenly Father, as I continue to remember the celebration of the death and resurrection of your dear Son, my Saviour, Jesus Christ will you come to me and make His sacrifice so real to me. Wipe away my sins that were atoned for on the Cross of Calvary by Jesus in order that I might not have to die eternally. Thank you, Jesus, for taking my sins and my sorrows and for making them your very own. By the power of your shed blood, I am set free and I am now opened up to all the resources of your grace and power which enables me to live for you. I am looking forward to the day – why not today, O Lord? – when the bondage of schizophrenia surrounding my mind is totally defeated. Yes, all the darkness driven away by the light of your Resurrection Presence. In the Mighty Name of Jesus, I pray, Amen



BEFORE DELIVERANCE AND HEALING

showing the "gates of brass and bars of iron" around my mind requiring the power of Jesus to shatter once and for all.



THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL

by Rebekah Laue of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, U.S.A.



AFTER DELIVERANCE AND HEALING

picture taken at 6.15 a.m. at Derby Railway Station five days after Jesus set me free, on my way to show Tina "her new man"

IF YOU HAVE NEVER INVITED JESUS CHRIST INTO YOUR LIFE, AND WISH TO, DO PRAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER WITH ALL YOUR HEART: "Lord God Almighty, I approach you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. I know I have sinned in my thoughts, words and actions. There are so many good things I have not done. There are so many sinful things I have done. I am truly sorry for the sinfulness in my life, but most of all I acknowledge the sin that separates me from you. I accept the death of Jesus on the Cross to redeem me and extend the gift of eternal life. Gratefully, I give my life back to you as I now ask you to come into my life. Come in as my Saviour and Lord and cleanse me. Come in as my Lord to control me. Come with the strength of your grace and the power of your Spirit to defeat the evil spirit of schizophrenia that troubles me. Now you have set my spirit free, pour your delivering and healing power into my life as I take authority in the name of Jesus through the power of his blood over the intruding force. I assert your ownership of my life and resist any legal right that the devil seeks to hold over my life and bind up and expel any evil presence. I believe that my mind, too, can also be completely set free and my whole life enjoy the total freedom of Jesus. Amen.

PROCLAMATION FOR GOD'S PROTECTION

NO WEAPON that is formed against me shall prosper and every tongue which rises against me in judgement I do condemn. This is my heritage as a servant of the Lord and my righteousness is from You, O Lord of Hosts. If there are those who have been speaking or praying against me, or seeking harm or evil to me, or who have rejected me, I forgive them. Having forgiven them, I bless them in the name of the Lord." *

NOW I DECLARE, O Lord, that You and You alone are my God, and besides You there is no other – a just God and a Saviour, the Father, the Son and the Spirit – and I worship You!

I SUBMIT myself afresh to You in unreserved obedience. Having submitted to You, Lord, I do as Your Word directs. I resist the devil: all his pressures, his attacks, his deceptions, every instrument or agent he would seek to use against me. I do not submit! I resist him, drive him from me and exclude him from me in the Name of Jesus. Specifically I reject and repel: infirmity, pain, infection, inflammation, malignancies, allergies, viruses, and every form of witchcraft.

FINALLY, LORD, I thank You that through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, I have passed out from under the curse and entered into the blessing of Abraham whom You blessed in all things:** exaltation, health, reproductiveness, prosperity, victory and God's favour. AMEN

*see Matthew 5: 43-45; Romans 12:14

**see Galatians 3:13-14; Genesis 24:1

We are continuing to insert in the Weekly Encourager some powerful Scriptures to learn and commit to memory for USE in your prayer battle to drive out the demon of schizophrenia. By so doing your confidence in the Lord will grow because the words will impart "spirit and life" into your spirit, and so equip you in your fight for freedom to know the deliverance and healing of Jesus.

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God. Psalm 42: 5

(Jesus said) "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." John 15: 7-8

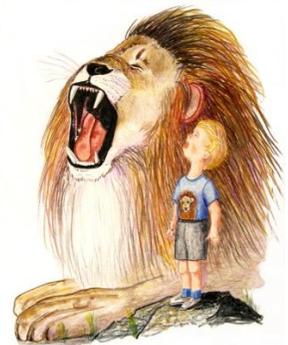
Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3: 1-3

The Weekly Encourager

5 June: Faith in Jesus Releases Power Leading to Deliverance and Freedom

12 June: "He Who Follows Me Shall Not Walk in Darkness But Shall Have The Light of Life " Said Jesus Christ

You may be reading the Weekly Encourager for the first time and have stumbled across our website in a desperate search to break free of schizophrenia. Or every week you visit W.E. for encouragement and help to overcome this "monster" of mental illnesses and have been given REAL HOPE that the Lord Jesus is the only One to open the prison door to freedom in your life once and for all time. We encourage you to keep logging into the site as often as you can for scriptural advice as we continue to point to Jesus who is well-trying and tested in the area of setting captives free from a bondage that no-one else can conquer. Our website www.schizophreniadefeated.com seeks to magnify the dear Son of God who left the courts of heaven to come to our world and die for you and me on the Cross at a place called Calvary just outside Jerusalem over 2,000 years ago. In that sacrifice, he paid the punishment and penalty of your sin and mine and on the third day rose again as "The Resurrection and the Life". He releases TODAY into your life and to anyone accepting his sacrifice, the same victorious life that brought him back from the dead, in the person of the Holy Spirit. Why not invite him into your life right now? It's a life-transforming experience that you CAN REALLY KNOW – which is well able to defeat and conquer the hell of schizophrenia you struggle with, for good!!



"I will proclaim your mighty acts, O sovereign Lord" Psalm 71: 16

James Stacey, Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals